



STATE OF MARYLAND

**DHMH**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

*Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners*

## **BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**

**September 20, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by the Chairperson,  
Dr. John Baker.

Call to Order

### **Board members present:**

Rhea Cohn, PT  
Ved Gupta, Consumer Member  
Krystal Lighty, PT  
Lori Mizell, PT, Vice Chairperson  
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member

### **Board members absent:**

Kimberly Rotondo, PTA  
Donald Novak, PT

### **Also present:**

Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director  
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director  
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel  
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel  
John Bull, Compliance Manager/Investigator  
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator  
Nancy Stanciel, Board Secretary  
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist

### **Guests:**

Paula Hollinger  
Sharon Bloom

The minutes of the meeting held on August 16, 2011 were approved with  
modifications.

Minutes

Rhea Cohn, PT presented a synopsis of the summit held July 28-31, 2011 by FSBPT to discuss the issues and procedures which necessitated a change to fixed date testing for PTs and PTAs.

R. Cohn,PT/ FSBPT  
Summit

Brad Segree, PT wrote the Board questioning the directive on student supervision as it relates to Medicare law changes effective this year. The Board discussed and agreed to refer Mr. Segree to the Code of Maryland Regulations for direct and defined supervision procedures.

Brad Segree,  
PT/Student  
Supervision

Linda B. Horn, PT wrote the Board to inquire whether oxygen is considered a medication and if a PT can write an order for the oxygen. The Board discussed and agreed that PTs could not write the order for oxygen; they can only reinforce the order that is written by the nurse or physician. Further, the Board agreed that emergency procedures should be established by individual facilities.

Linda Horn, PT/  
Oxygen Orders

Robert Cohen, PT wrote the Board to obtain a clarification of the State Practice Act re: documentation. The Board discussed and agreed that patient charts can be on paper and a backup copy of the file can be stored in "a cloud".

R. Cohen, PT  
/Documentation

David Reinhardt, PTA wrote the Board to inquire about the maximum number of patient visits a PTA can perform before a re-evaluation has to be done by the PT. The Board agreed to refer Mr. Reinhardt to the winter 2010 newsletter and the documentation guidelines for resolution.

D. Reinhardt,  
PTA/Evaluation  
Guidelines

Kelli Austin, PT wrote the Board to obtain a clarification as to whether a PT can examine breasts and genitals if the exam relates to lymphedema. The Board discussed and agreed that there is nothing in the Practice Act which prohibits the examination of these body parts by a physical therapist, if appropriate, and is based on the evaluation by the physical therapist..

Kelli Austin,  
PT/Examination

Sharon Nord, PT wrote the Board to inquire if her Maryland license is valid to use in the United States embassy while she is in Ecuador. The Board agreed to refer Ms. Nord to the U.S. State Department for an answer to her inquiry.

Sharon Nord,  
PT/Working in an  
embassy

Britt Tinch wrote the Board to inquire if there are specific forms of mobilization/manipulations which are permitted under Maryland's Practice Act. The Board agreed that mobilization/manipulations falls under the scope of manual therapy and that a physical therapist has to work within their own competency.

Britt Tinch  
/Mobilizations/  
Manipulations

Kristal Wortham wrote the Board to inquire if her physical therapist should incorporate techniques to work on her scar tissue post-surgery. The Board agreed to refer this issue to Rhea Cohen to draft a response.

Kristal Wortham/PT  
Post-Surgery

Hedy Roseman, PT wrote the Board to inquire if a start and an end time is required in a patient's progress note if therapists are noting direct contact minutes for each treatment charge. The Board agreed to refer Ms. Rosman to her payer's guidelines.

Hedy Roseman,  
PT/Documentation

Wanda K. Evans, PT wrote the Board to inquire if a PT can reenter a referral once the referral has been closed. The Board agreed to request more information for clarification of her question.

Wanda Evans,  
PT/Closed  
Referral

Carlton A. Curry shared questions and comments as a result of the NPTE Summit attended by Rhea Cohn. It was agreed that Mr. Curry would check with other states to gain insight as to how they are handling their applicant DUI issues.

New Board  
Member  
Orientation

Carlton A. Curry advised the Board that the Sunset Review response is due by the end of the year and that he will distribute a draft of the review to all Board members.

Sunset Review  
Update

Lori Mizell, PT reported on the six areas of focus of the FSBPT annual conference. She discussed each motion and the Board agreed with her decision to vote "YES" that the current motions continue to be the focus of the FSBPT conference.

Sunset Review  
Update  
Lori Mizel,  
PT/FSBT Annu  
Conference

The Board discussed the new information on NPTE test dates presented in a FSBPT newsflash.

CEU Audit  
Update

The Board agreed to move this item to the administrative agenda.

Deborah Jackson presented an update to the Board regarding the status of applicants and NPTE test results.

Licensing  
Update

The Board voted to deny the following continuing education course applications: *"I Didn't Mean to Ruin Your Day: Understanding, Preventing, and Responding Effectively to Children's Challenging Behavior – Risk Factors and Prevention"*, because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy. *"I Didn't Mean to Ruin Your Day: Understanding, Preventing, and Responding Effectively to Children's Challenging Behavior – Positive Behavior Support"* because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy.

Continuing  
Education

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:40 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure, in accordance with State Government Article, Section 10-508 (a) (1) and (13). Unless recused, all Board members and staff who were present for the open session were also in attendance for both the closed and administrative sessions.

The board meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Open Session Meeting Minutes

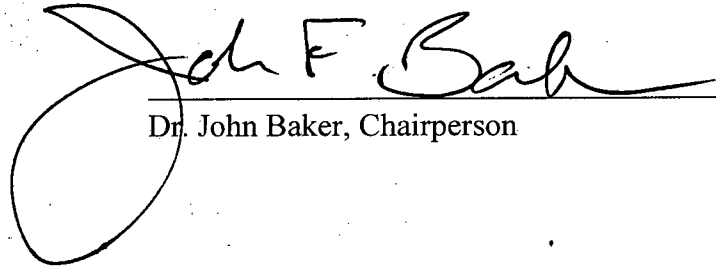
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Respectfully submitted,



Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director

10/18/2011  
Date approved



Dr. John Baker, Chairperson